

MINUTES OF THE 30TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF IITs HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

The 30th meeting of the Council of IITs was held on 14th February, 1991 in the Conference room of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The following were present :-

1. Shri Rajmangal Pande, Union Minister, In the Chair
Of Human Resource Development
2. Prof. Yash Pal
3. Shri B.N. Reddy
4. Shri Som Pal
5. Dr. D.V. Kapur
6. Dr. S. Ganguly
7. Shri V. Krishnamurthy
8. Dr. V.S. Arunachalam
9. Dr. V.R. Gowariker
10. Shri Anil Bordia
11. Shri Ajit Singh
12. Prof. B. Nag
13. Prof. A.K. Mallik
14. Prof. K.L. Chopra
15. Prof. N.C. Nigam
16. Prof. N.V.C. Swamy
17. Prof. S.K. Shrivastava
18. Shri S.K. Ray
19. Shri S.R. Tayal Secretary

Shri Bhagey Gobardhan, Hon. Minister of State of Human Resource Development was present for a part of the meeting.

The following Members conveyed their inability to attend the meeting/could not attend the meeting :-

1. Dr. Raja Ramanna
2. Prof. C.N.R. Rao
3. Shri Russi M. Mody
4. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

5. Dr. A.P. Mitra
6. Dr. M. Santappa
7. Shri Indrajit Gupta

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Shri I.B. Sangal, Joint Educational Adviser (T) attended the meeting by invitation.

The Chairman welcomed the members especially the new members to the meeting and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the Council would bring concrete results. Thereafter the agenda was taken up for consideration.

ITEM NO. 1: To confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of the Council held on 28th July, 1989 and adjourned meeting held on 17th August, 1989.

The proposal of Dr. H.N. Sethna to drop the word 'unanimously' from page 9 of the minutes was accepted.

Regarding the proposed amendment by Prof. N.C. Nigam on the resolution of the 29th meeting of the Council on Item No. 5 on 'Role of the IIT Council vis-a-vis the AICTE', the Council was informed that the AICTE, in its 2nd meeting held on 6.11.1990, has already adopted a resolution to the effect that notwithstanding anything contained in the AICTE Act, 1987, the IITs will continue to be governed by the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 and the Statutes framed therein.

With the above observation, the minutes were confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2: To report action taken on the minutes of 29th meeting of the Council of IITs held on 28th July, 1989 and the adjourned meeting held on 17th August, 1989.

The Council took note of the action taken. On the item regarding ways to earn more interest on the accumulated provident fund, it was decided that the Integrated Finance Division should take a decision within the next two months in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

ITEM NO.3: To report the action taken on pending recommendations of the earlier meetings of the Council (27th & 28th meeting)

The Council took note of the action taken.

ITEM No.4: To report the nomination of three new Members of Parliament as members of the Council and the appointment of new Chairmen of Board of Governors of IIT at Kanpur, Madras and Delhi as well as Director, IIT Madras.

The Council placed on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the following out-going Chairman/members:-

1. Shri P. Shivshankar (Chairman, Upto November, 1989)
2. Shri Chimanbhai Mehta (Acting Chairman, upto November, 1990)
3. Shri Williamson A. Sangma
4. Shri Ram Ratan Ram
5. Shri Ajit P.K. Jogi
6. Shri A.L. Mudaliar
7. Dr. A.S. Ganguly
8. Dr. H.N. Sethna
9. Prof. L.S. Srinath
10. Prof. Ashoka Chandra
11. Shri L.S. Narayanan
12. Prof. P.N. Srivastava

The Council noted the nomination of the following new members and welcomed them to the Council:-

1. Shri Rajmangal Pande ... Chairman
2. Prof. C.N.R. Rao in his capacity as Member Planning Commission, Education (Technical)
3. Shri Indrajit Gupta, Member of Parliament
4. Shri B.N. Reddy, Member of Parliament
5. Shri Som Pal, Member of Parliament
6. Dr. Subrata Ganguly, Chairman, IIT Kanpur
7. Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Madras

8. Shri V. Krishnamurthy, in his capacity as Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT, Delhi.
9. Prof. N.V.C. Swamy, Director, IIT Madras.

ITEM NO. 5.1: To consider review of the scales of fees/ receipts for services rendered like fees in educational institutions etc. taking into account the increase in the cost of services.

The Council approved the proposals of the Directors of IITs regarding the revision of fees and other receipts for services. The Council decided that the proposal may be implemented from the forthcoming academic year for the fresh entrants and the fee structure should be reviewed every three years. It was also decided that the items under the proposal for fee revision should be re-grouped to make the exercise simpler.

The Council recommended that the question of providing low interest loans to IIT students may be examined by a Committee consisting of the representatives of the Ministry of Finance, IITs and the Department of Education. This Committee should also examine ways and means to increase the income generating capacity of IITs. The Council noted that a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.S. Jha has also examined similar issue under the aegis of the AICTE and desired that its report may be made available to the Committee to be appointed by this Council.

The Council recommended that IITs should consider other means to raise resources like establishment of Chairs, consultancies etc. The ways to reduce mess subsidy also need to be explored. Shri Anil Bordia asked IIT Directors to improve the quality of food served in hostels of IITs. Dr. V.S. Arunachalam suggested that the model of messing being followed in IISc., Bangalore could be examined.

It was pointed out that the administrative staff in the IITs was excessive and placed a financial burden. Education Secretary was of the view that the Visitor's order regarding non-expansion of administrative staff in the IITs should be implemented by the IITs and efforts should be made to reduce this cadre.

ITEM NO. 5.2: Introduction of an All India Fellowship Examination (AIFE) for research scholarship in the Departments of Humanities and Social Sciences at the IITs.

Prof. Yash Pal was of the view that it not advisable for students to take a large number of tests for admissions in various courses. A test earlier conducted by CSIR has been merged with the test being conducted by UGC. He proposed that IIT could also be associated with the Jr. Research Fellowship (JRF) Test being conducted by UGC-CSIR. It was pointed out that the timing of the results of the JRF test were not suitable for admission to IIT system. Prof. Yash Pal said that UGC would be holding the JRF examination twice a year and this problem would be resolved.

The Council decided that the test being conducted by the UGC-CSIR should be utilised by the IITs. For this purpose it was also decided that the IITs and UGC would interact in the holding of these tests.

ITEM NO. 5.3: To consider proposal for providing Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) question papers in Indian languages.

It was decided that the decision of the 29th meeting of the Council that 'the question paper of JEE 1990 will be provided in two languages, i.e. English and Hindi as a transition measure' may be continued for another three years. The decision may then be reviewed in the light of experience gained.

ITEM NO. 5.4 : To consider request from University Grants Commission for providing Plan funds to inter-university centres for facilities used by IITs.

Recognising the importance of the facilities created at the inter-university centres, the Council endorsed participation of IITs in the work of these centres. IITs, in turn, would also make their major facilities available to universities for research. It was agreed that the Ministry may consider making funds available from its scheme of Thrust Areas of Technical Education to the Inter-University Consortium set up by UGC.

ITEM NO. 5.5 : Simplification of procedure of payment of contributions towards leave salary and pension etc. in the case of staff members who were employed in Central and State Governments before joining the IITs.

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The Council did not agree to proposal. It was further decided that the past service will be counted for pensionary benefits as per the procedure laid down in the erstwhile Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms O.M.No. 28/10/84-Pension Unit dated 29.8.1984 amended from time to time.

ITEM NO. 5.6 : To consider the recommendations contained in the 81st Report of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Subordinate Legislation regarding the Conduct Rules made under the Statutes of the IITs, Delhi.

The Council unanimously decided that no change was required in the existing Conduct Rules of IITs.

ITEM NO. 5.7 : To consider analysis of intake of SC/ST students in IITs.

The Council noted the efforts being made by the Government and the IITs to improve the intake of SC/ST students in the IIT system.

ITEM NO. 5.8 : To consider proposal for revision of pay scales etc. of Group 'A' Scientific/
Design staff in the IITs.

Shri S.K. Ray, Deputy Financial Adviser pointed out that the Financial Advisers were competent to approve only the replacement scales of the IVth Pay Commission. The IIT Council had agreed for parity between the pay scales of Scientific/Technical Staff with faculty positions at its 25th meeting held on 30th March, 1985, which pre-dates both the IVth Pay Commission and the revision of pay scales of IIT Faculty. Moreover, there is no formal Government decision granting this parity.

The Council noted the views of Prof. C.N.R. Rao received by telex that qualified and deserving scientific officers be transferred to the regular academic cadre as Professor or Associate Professors and the Scientific officers cadre may not be given the same salary as that of the Professorial cadre. Dr. V.R. Gowariker, expressed the view that there should be comparability in pay, qualifications and promotional avenues for the Scientific/technical staff working at IITs with those working in the scientific institutions under CSIR, BARC, DRDO etc.

Prof. Yash Pal, said that granting the suggested scales would lead to disaffection at the middle levels in other institutions. Another solution is to give more avenues for promotion.

Shri Anil Bordia was of the view that parity could be established upto Associate Professor level, but tough selection procedures with posts being open to outsiders should be established. Prof. N.C. Nigam said that there was need to establish a frame work where the best of people could join and grow.

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After detailed discussion it was decided to constitute a Committee consisting of Prof. N.C. Nigam, Dr. V.R. Gowariker, Dr. V.S. Arunachalam and Prof. S.K. Shrivastava which could make appropriate recommendations keeping the above points in view.

ITEM NO.5.9: To consider recommendations of the IIT Review Committee - implementation thereof.

The Council endorsed the recommendations of the Empowered Committee of Secretaries on the nine recommendations of the Review Committee which had been examined by them. These recommendations numbering 17,19,20,22, 24,25,26,36 and 42 may now be implemented by the Government/IITs after obtaining the required financial approvals, wherever necessary.

The Council endorsed the 48 recommendations of the Review Committee numbering 1 to 15,18,23,27,29 to 33,35, 37 to 39,41,43,46,47,55 to 58,60,62 to 64,66 and 74 which fall within the purview of the IITs. The IITs may implement the same after obtaining the financial approvals wherever required.

The Council could consider only recommendation No. 16 of the Review Committee out of the remaining eighteen recommendations on which the views of the Sampath Committee and comments of the Committee of Chairmen, Board of Governors and Directors of IITs were to be examined.

With regard to recommendation No.16 the Council decided to continue the existing three semester pattern presently being followed. The Council, however, recommended that the M.Tech. students should have a reduced summer vacation of only 30 days so that they have more time for project work.

ITEM No.6.1: To report changes in the membership of the Council.

The report was noted.

ITEM NO.6.2: To report the progress made in the establishment of the IIT in Assam.

The Council noted the progress made for the establishment of IIT in Assam.

ITEM NO.6.3: To report the present position of Report submitted by the Committee set up to examine the service rules framed by Shri H.B. Dass, ex-Asstt.Financial Adviser for the employees of IITs.

The Council noted the report.

ITEM NO.6.4: To report the Plan and Non-Plan budget estimate approved for IITs for the year 1990-91

The Council noted the budget estimates.

The Council decided that the remaining items of the Agenda should be considered in the next meeting of the Council which should be held within a period of 2-3 months.

Prof. N.C. Nigam suggested that the Government should take a view on all items which are under their consideration so that the Council could consider them in the next meeting of the Council. This proposal was accepted.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Dear Professor Chopra

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes, duly approved by the Chairman, Council of I.I.Ts, of the 31st meeting of the Council of IITs held on 15th July, 1992. I shall be grateful if you would kindly send us your comments, if any, at your earliest convenience (and in any case, latest by 12th October, 1992).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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